GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Female Doctors
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is shortage of female doctors in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and district hospitals in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UTs- wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any plan to increase the percentage of female doctors in rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) to (d): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health care services to the citizens lies with State/UT Governments, including recruitment and deployment of female doctors. However, technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs under National Health Mission (NHM) to strengthen their healthcare system, including support for health human resource including doctors (male and female), based on the proposals submitted by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. Public health being a State subject, no central database is maintained regarding shortage of female doctors in PHCs/CHCs and DHs in various parts of the country.